of Railways. Production of ICF is marginally lower compared to Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala as this unit has more number of Electric Multiple Units (EMUs) and Diesel Multiple Units (DMUs) in its product mix.

(c) A work has been sanctioned in 2006-07 for augmentation of capacity for manufacture of 1500 coaches per year at ICF, Chennai anticipating the future increase in requirement of coaches.

Tatkal reservation of tickets

†*548. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Tatkal Reservation of Tickets' scheme of Railways is under the grip of touts;

(b) the details of the measures taken by Government to break the network of said touts at the railway stations; and

(c) whether Government have made any arrangement to refund the money of those passengers in the train itself who alongwith other passengers reserve their seats under single ticket but decide to cancel or postpone their journey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No case of rampant corruption in revised Tatkal Scheme has come to notice. However, to avoid misuse of this scheme various steps have been taken which includes enhancing the Tatkal charges, issuing of Waiting List tickets, keeping the reservations under Tatkal scheme open upto preparation of charts etc. Checks are also conducted from time to time check malpractices in reservation including Tatkal Reservation Scheme.

(c) No, Sir.

Recruitment of Rail Hostesses

†*549. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to recruit rail hostesses on the lines of air hostesses; and

(b) if so, the criteria for their appointments and what would be their service conditions?

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